

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11. (*Canceled*)

Claim 12. (*New*) A turn signal step bar for a vehicle, comprising:

an elongated tubular bar having a generally rectangular cross section, said tubular bar including a top wall, a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, and opposite ends, wherein the front wall has a width greater than that of the top wall;

a step surface member attached to the top wall of said tubular bar;

a tubular tongue member adapted for attachment to a hitch receiver of the vehicle, said tongue member being secured centrally and perpendicularly to back wall of said tubular bar;

a left signal lamp and a right signal lamp respectively disposed proximate the opposite ends of said tubular bar;

a plurality of running lamps disposed between said left signal lamp and said right signal lamp;

and

wiring connecting said running lamps, said left signal lamp and said right signal lamp to a trailer plug, said trailer plug being adapted for electrically connecting said running lamps to brake light circuitry of the vehicle and for electrically connecting said left signal lamp and said right signal lamp to turn signal circuitry of the vehicle.

Claim 13. (New) The turn signal step bar of claim 12, wherein said trailer plug is further adapted for electrically connecting said left signal lamp and said right signal lamp to the brake light circuitry of the vehicle.

Claim 14. (New) The turn signal step bar of claim 12, wherein said step surface member comprises a non-slip material applied to the top wall of said tubular bar.

Claim 15. (New) The turn signal step bar of claim 12, wherein said step surface member comprises a diamond plate mounted to the top wall of said tubular bar.

Claim 16. (New) The turn signal step bar of claim 12, wherein the opposite ends of the tubular bar are angled and extend rearwardly of the front wall.

Claim 17. (New) The turn signal step bar of claim 12, wherein the opposite ends of the tubular bar include plastic endcaps disposed therein.

Claim 18. (New) The turn signal step bar of claim 12, wherein said tubular bar is formed of 2x4 inch rectangular steel tubing.

Claim 19. (New) The turn signal step bar of claim 12, wherein said tubular bar is formed of 2x3 inch rectangular steel tubing.